



COL Andrew Herbst

U.S. Army Garrison
Fort Leonard Wood Commander

COL Andrew “Andy” Herbst enlisted in the Army when he was 17 years old and through the enlisted ranks to Staff Sergeant. In December 1989, COL Herbst earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Biological Sciences from Florida Atlantic University. He was then selected for Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. In June 1990, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps.

While serving as a first lieutenant in the Berlin Brigade in 1991, COL Herbst was deployed with the 6-502d Infantry Battalion on the first of seven career combat tours, where he served as the Allied Ground Combat Force Chemical Officer in support of OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT II in Southern Turkey and Northern Iraq.

COL Herbst’s assignments include Platoon Leader, Berlin Brigade; Small Group Leader – Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and Chemical Battalion Operations Officer at the U.S. Army Chemical School (Fort McClellan and Fort Leonard Wood). At Fort Bragg, COL Herbst commanded the 101st Chemical Company; served as the 18th Airborne Corp’s Dragon Brigade Operations Officer and he held various chemical staff positions in the 82d Airborne Division that included deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq in 2002-2003 in support of the Global War on Terrorism. He served four years in the Joint Special Operations Command as the Chief of Chemical and Biological Defense and deployed twice as the Chief of Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. COL Herbst also had an assignment as a liaison officer to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. In 2008, COL Herbst commanded the Anniston Chemical Activity, where he helped demilitarize all of the VX land mines and more than 55 percent of the mustard munitions at the depot in support of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Later, during the final year of OPERATION NEW DAWN, COL Herbst served as the U.S. Forces-Iraq Deputy Director of Force Protection during the successful closure of 75 bases and withdrawal of more than 100,000 personnel. COL Herbst is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and Joint Advanced Warfighter School. He holds Master’s Degrees in Public Administration and Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy.

COL Herbst’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Action Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.